

H. Res. 661, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5016) and (H.R. 4718), was agreed to on July 10th.

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor is to continue in effect beyond July 22, 2014—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 113–135). **Page H6245**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6241, H6242, H6242–43, H6243–44, H6244, H6244–45, H6260–61 and H6261. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS FUNDING FY 2015

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Overseas Contingency Operations Funding FY 2015. This was a closed hearing.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2015. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW OF THE PRISONER OF WAR/ MISSING IN ACTION COMMUNITY AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF THESE AGENCIES AS PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Government Accountability Office review of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) community and the restructuring of these agencies as proposed by the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; and Jamie Morin, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S YOUTH: AN UPDATE FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Sec-

ondary Education held a hearing entitled “Protecting America’s Youth: An Update from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee concluded a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4771, the “Designer Anabolic Steroid Control Act”; H.R. 4250, the “Sunscreen Innovation Act”; H.R. 594, the “Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments of 2014”; H.R. 669, the “Sudden Unexpected Death and Data Enhancement and Awareness Act”; H.R. 4290, the “Wakefield Act of 2014”; H.R. 4450, the “Travel Promotion, Enhancement, and Modernization Act of 2014”; and H.R. 5057, the “EPS Service Parts Act of 2014”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4771, H.R. 4250, H.R. 594, H.R. 669, H.R. 4290, and H.R. 4450. The following bill was ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 5057.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE’S “OPERATION CHOKE POINT”

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The Department of Justice’s ‘Operation Choke Point’”. Testimony was heard from Stuart F. Delery, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Federal Reserve Board; Richard J. Osterman, Acting General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Daniel P. Stipano, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

EXAMINING REGULATORY RELIEF PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, PART II

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “Examining Regulatory Relief Proposals for Community Financial Institutions, Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF TURKISH DEMOCRACY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing entitled “The Future of Turkish Democracy”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE RISE OF ISIL: IRAQ AND BEYOND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, held a joint subcommittee hearing entitled “The

Rise of ISIL: Iraq and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LESSONS FROM THE STATES: RESPONSIBLE PRISON REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Lessons from the States: Responsible Prison Reform”. Testimony was heard from Cam Ward, Chair, Prison Reform Task Force, Alabama State Senate; John E. Wetzel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections; and public witnesses.

MORAL RIGHTS, TERMINATION RIGHTS, RESALE ROYALTY, AND COPYRIGHT TERM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Moral Rights, Termination Rights, Resale Royalty, and Copyright Term”. Testimony was heard from Karyn A. Temple Claggett, Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Policy and International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law held a hearing on the “Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2013 HELIUM STEWARDSHIP ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Implementation and Administration of the 2013 Helium Stewardship Act”. Testimony was heard from Linda Lance, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Anne-Marie Fennell, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 3229, the “Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act of 2013”; H.R. 4546, the “Department of the Interior Tribal Self-Governance Act of 2014”; H.R. 4867, the “Economic Development Through Tribal Land Exchange Act”; and S. 1603, the “Gun Lake Trust Land Reaffirmation Act”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Elizabeth Fowler, Dep-

uty Director, Operations Management, Indian Health Service; and public witnesses.

IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT’S GENERAL SCHEDULE (GS) A VIABLE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE?

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “Is the Federal Government’s General Schedule (GS) a Viable Personnel System for the Future?”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Archuleta, Director, Office of Personnel Management; Robert Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FIGHTING HUNGER INCENTIVE ACT OF 2014

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4719, the “Fighting Hunger Incentive Act of 2014”. The committee granted by record vote of 7–3 a closed rule for H.R. 4719. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–51 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gerlach, Paulsen, Reed, Kelly (PA), and Levin.

ACTION DELAYED, SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES DENIED: IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTING REFORMS IN THE FY 2013 NDAA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Action Delayed, Small Business Opportunities Denied: Implementation of Contracting Reforms in the FY 2013 NDAA”. Testimony was heard from John Shoraka, Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration; and public witnesses.

EPA’S EXPANDED INTERPRETATION OF ITS PERMIT VETO AUTHORITY UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “EPA’s Expanded Interpretation of its Permit Veto Authority Under the Clean Water Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

RECOVERY AT FIVE YEARS

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an assessment of the recovery at five years, after receiving testimony from Lawrence Kudlow, CNBC, and Kudlow and Co., LLC, New York, New York; and Jared Bernstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening trade enforcement to protect American enterprise and grow American jobs, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, with the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine what makes a bank systemically important, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold a joint hearing to examine options for assuring domestic space access, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine consumer choice, consolidation and the future video marketplace, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 571, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a deadline for restricting sewage dumping into the Great Lakes and to fund programs and activities for improving wastewater discharges into the Great Lakes, S. 1153, to establish an improved regulatory process for injurious wildlife to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of nonnative wildlife and wild animal pathogens and parasites that are likely to cause harm, S. 1175, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a program to provide loans and loan guarantees to enable eligible public entities to acquire interests in real property that are in compliance with habitat conservation plans approved by the Secretary of the Interior under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 1202, to establish an integrated Federal program to respond to ongoing and expected impacts of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, restoring, and conserving the natural resources of the United States, and to maximize government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and tribal governments and

other entities, S. 1232, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore the Great Lakes, H.R. 1300, to amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, S. 1381, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, S. 1650, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts, S. 2225, to provide for a smart water resource management pilot program, S. 2530, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of mussels of certain genus, and S. 2560, to authorize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and use those funds to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources, 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert W. Holleyman II, of Louisiana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Cary Douglas Pugh, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and its Protocol, signed at Madrid on February 22, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 113-04), The Convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Poland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on February 13, 2013, at Warsaw (Treaty Doc. 113-05), H.R. 4028, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom, S. 2577, to require the Secretary of State to offer rewards totaling up to \$5,000,000 for information on the kidnapping and murder of Naftali Fraenkel, a dual United States-Israeli citizen, that began on June 12, 2014, S. Res. 498, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization, S. Res. 500, expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to enhanced relations with the Republic of Moldova and support for the Republic of Moldova's territorial integrity, and the nominations of Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Marcia Denise Occomy, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, and Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Department of State, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine reenergizing United States-India ties, 3 p.m., SD-419.